

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEO NORO, ET AL.) : Examiner: E. Martello
Application No.: 10/594,114) : Group Art Unit: 2628
Filed: September 25, 2006) : Confirmation No.: 7038
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD) June 4, 2009
AND IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated March 4, 2009, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: